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CHICAGO BROILER/FRYER

PRELIMINARY FOR DELIVERY THE WEEK OF 27-SEP-2004

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD. AVG.	LOADS
US GRADE A	44-77.25	58-61	60.47	31

GEORGIA FOB DOCK PRICES

WEDNESDAY

77.25

FRIDAY PRELIM. WTD. AVG.:

77.02

Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on ice packed parts:

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 25-Sep-04

	Current Week	Previous Week
Broiler/fryer	164,337	169,891

ITEM	WTD. AVG. (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	221.50	1,418
BREASTS - B/S	170.50	5,479
BREASTS - WHOLE	92.50	1,579
THIGH MEAT - B/S	75.50	1,052
LEG QUARTERS	30.50	7,489
WINGS	107.50	2,947

MIDWEST Preliminary majority prices for next week's deliveries into the Chicago area were unchanged from last Monday's final. The market tone on whole broiler/fryers was barely steady, undertone weak. Offerings of whole broiler/fryers remained available on very limited trade interest. Movement into all channels improved somewhat, mostly fair, instances of fairly good. Floor stocks were adequate to ample; weights desirable. Parts trade was very limited as current inventories were fully sufficient. Supplies of whole and split breast ample, and boneless/skinless breasts, wings and dark meat items were adequate. The market tone was steady to fully steady on wings; steady on leg quarters, steady to instances fully steady on dark meat; cautiously steady on boneless/skinless breast and weak all other breast cuts.

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 24, 2004**

	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO		CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS				16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	75.11	74.50**	62.57	EASTERN REGION	74.00	73.90**	60.50
CENTRAL REGION	74.06	75.00	61.20**	CENTRAL REGION	74.00	74.00	62.00
WESTERN REGION	75.00**	74.50**	63.25	WESTERN REGION	74.00**	73.90**	59.00

**BASED ON OFFERS

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 18-September-2004 (PRELIMINARY)

YOUNG CHICKENS

	THOUSANDS
Head	154,376
Avg Wt	5.33
Last week	149,574
Same wk yr ago	156,044
Avg Wt	5.30
To-date/2004	5,783,232
To-date/2003	5,696,460

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED

	YOUNG HENS	YOUNG TOMS
	THOUSANDS	

Head	1,759	2,730
Avg Wt	15.64	35.84
Last week	1,564	2,371
Same wk yr ago	1,876	2,718
Avg Wt	15.38	34.52
To-date/2004	64,109	94,249
To-date/2003	69,364	100,904

FRESH PORK CUTS

FOB Negotiated	PRICE RANGE	WTD AVG
Loin		
1/8" Trm/less 21#DN-LGT	123.00 - 131.00	125.24
BNLS Strap-on 5-11#	184.00	184.00
Trimmed Butt		
1/4" Trim Stk Rdy		
SPARERIB		
3BAG/3 PCVAC4.25#/DN-LGT	127.00	127.00

FRESH BEEF CUTS

FOB Negotiated	PRICE RANGE	WTD AVG
112A 3 Rib, ribeye, bnls, heavy	477.82 507.65	481.43
168 3 Round, top inside round	170.55 182.00	172.58
180 3 Loin, strip, bnls, 0x1	439.00 468.46	452.42
Ground Beef 81%	128.00 144.31	134.74

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